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The rooms of the Montclair Library have been made very light and cheerful by the addition of two large windows in the front of the building.

The Democrats hold a campaign meeting this evening in Friendship Hall. Mr. Saunders of Montclair and Mr. Gove of Newark are announced as speakers. It is also expected, we believe, that Mr. Foulke of our village will speak.

The Republican Assembly Convention for our district meets in Montclair this (Friday) afternoon. Hon. M. Halsey, and Ex-Sheriff Teed of Livingston, and J. F. Randolph of Bloomfield are mentioned, but it is understood that the former township will claim the nomination.

A church wedding took place in Westminster Chapel on Wednesday afternoon last. The contracting parties were Ira Campbell, Esq., of this place and Miss Martha J. Taylor of Montclair. Rev. Dr. Kennedy tied the knot, in the presence of many friends of the bride and groom. Everything passed off nicely, the day being one of the finest of the season.

The entertainment which was announced to take place on Wednesday evening Oct. 28th at Westminster church for the benefit of Berkeley Union Sunday school, for a satisfactory reason was postponed until Wednesday evening November 4th. It will positively be given on that night, at Westminster church. All tickets under date of October 28th, will be good for November 4th. A very fine programme is to be presented, moral, instructive and entertaining.

While we record at considerable length this week the matters pertaining to our Bloomfield Library, we must not lose sight of what our enterprising neighbors in Montclair are doing. The library people up there are keeping fully up to the literature of the day and period by adding so frequently and discreetly to the bookshelves of their institution. Among the new books lately added are T. B. Aldrich's new book "Cloth of Gold," Dr. Holland's "Mistress of the Manse," 3d vol. of Brie-a-Brac Series; Schnicker's "Life of S. P. Chase," Frothingham's "Life of Theo. Parker," "Building of a Brain," "Dr. Channing's Correspondence with Lucy Aiken," and many new works of fiction and miscellany.

We sincerely thank one of the speakers at the late corner stone laying for the public compliment bestowed upon this paper. We will say that THE RECORD is now doing splendidly. We have recently been obliged to add two quires (48 copies) to our regular edition, on account of the steady increase in subscriptions and sales during the past month. We have also just added several hundred dollars worth of new job type, etc., to meet increasing demands in that department. We hope and confidently expect, at no distant day, to have our building up on Broad street to accommodate a fast press and other accessories to our increasing newspaper and printing business. Maybe some people will think we are over-jubilant, but we must be excused for breaking out in this way, as it is only about once a year that we take to blowing our own trumpet. We mean, if possible, to make an attractive, lively, appreciated newspaper. The fact that its circulation steadily increases and that it has sometimes more advertising than can be accommodated—certainly warrants the belief that THE RECORD is appreciated. It has now been published regularly and uninterrupted nearly two years, and there seems no reason why it should not go on and become better as it grows older. Its publisher is amply encouraged and fully satisfied with its earnings and income, provided his friends and patrons generally are satisfied with his efforts to furnish them with a cheerful, truthful and enterprising local paper.

The Great Silent Man.

Such is the last Third-Term editorial we have read in a leading newspaper. Doubtless the agony will be kept up till after election. Notwithstanding Gov. Dix's declaration against a third term, which "The Tribune" so loudly clamored for, still that paper is not satisfied but devotes column after column to the same ridiculous subject. Gen. Dix's declaration is spoken of as binding no one but himself. And "meantime," says The Tribune, "the only man who can speak authoritatively on this subject is greatly reticent. He authorizes no one to speak. He speaks not himself."

Well, it is exasperating. Nothing is so provoking as silence when you want a man to speak and he won't.

BLOOMFIELD'S LIBRARY.

Highly Interesting Ceremonies—Laying of the Corner Stone—Eloquent Addresses.

This interesting event took place on last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the presence of a large concourse of people. It is estimated that over five hundred were present, embracing many leading citizens, ladies and public school children, who began to assemble soon after three o'clock. There was also present quite a number who came in carriages from the adjacent towns, all of which denoted a wide-spread interest in this enterprise of building a hall and library for Bloomfield.

Soon after the hour announced for commencing the exercises a procession of the officers of the Library Association filed up Broad street to the Liberty street corner, and occupied an improvised platform on the north-east corner of the foundation walls. A massive cube of Newark sandstone was held suspended by a derrick, ready to be lowered to its place on the corner. In another stone already in position bore bath, was cut a square cavity to receive the leaden box in which was to be deposited certain articles relating to the building and village history.

The order of exercises, which had been hastily prepared and printed, was distributed, and Mr. John H. Chambers made a short opening address, in which he called upon the President of the Association, Dr. Jos. A. Davis, to conduct the ceremonies, which opened with singing the National Hymn, "America." The singing, in which many of the assemblage joined, was ably led by a choir of gentlemen, Messrs. Buddleph, Lees, Ward and Garbrant, who stood on the platform. Rev. H. W. Ballantine made the opening prayer. He invoked a blessing upon the enterprise and all connected with it—officers, contributors and workmen.

The deposit-box was then sealed up, and placed in the stony by David G. Garbrant, Secretary of the Association, who also read a list of the articles which had been deposited. The following were the contributions:

Documents of the Bloomfield Library Association, viz.: Charter; By Laws; First Annual Report; Copy of Seal; List of Subscribers to Stock to present time; names of present Directors and Officers.

Papers relating to the building. Names of Committee; name of the Architect, his assistant, and contractors; date when ground was broken for the building; contract cost of same; copy of Order of Exercises of corner stone laying.

Papers relating to the several churches in the village, names of pastors, officers, history, etc. Public School matters. Township documents. Time-tables of the railways.

Copies of last issues of The Bloomfield Record, Orange Chronicle, Saturday Gazette, Newark Courier, Journal, Advertiser, Register, and Volksman.

Papers relating to Village Societies: Ladies' Relief Association; Orphan Asylum Society; Free Masons; Odd Fellows; Sons of Temperance; Sons of O. U. A. M. Eudian Society; Mabel Association.

Documents concerning the German Theological Seminary; Bloomfield Post Office; Board of County Freeholders; Essex Co. Mutual Insurance Co.; Bloomfield Savings Institution; Montclair Gas and Water Co.; names of professional men in the town; a collection of medals, coins, and paper money; and an almanac for 1874.

A copy of the first issue of The Bloomfield Record, and several subsequent copies, containing articles of importance relating to town history, were also deposited by the publisher of this paper.

Among the coins was one of the celebrated Swiss medals, of General Grant; contributed by Mr. John Sherman, also some U. S. postage currency, \$1000 confederate note, and other curiosities.

While the stone was being lowered to its place Old Hundred was sung. President Davis, then made a brief address, appropriate to the occasion, as follows:

As our social and educational advantages after the school house, we have hitherto been compelled to answer it with a stammering tongue. Now, however, there is to be a change. Here is the Library Hall—an honor to the community. Now we can answer the questions, How is education to be acquired beyond the facilities of our schools? How can our children obtain it? Where can they find resources? I answer, in the library and hall of this building. Here are to be treasured up the best thoughts of the best men. You may think that at present the building is small. But it's going to be larger. The great Boston library began thus in a small way, but now it numbers 300,000 volumes. I do not doubt that after we have passed away—at least the older portion of us—there will be those who will point with pride and reverence to this building. They will bless us as the founders of this library. [Here the Doctor introduced a fitting illustration to show that "Knowledge is Power," and that it leads to wealth as well as intelligence.] There is nothing in our country, he said, to prevent a young man from working his way to the summit. We have here no tyranny or despotism to crush out the desire for knowledge. Every facility is within reach—the way is open to all. We recognize no titled nobility—not even the King of Kings. [Applause.] I challenge every young man in Bloomfield to yield his quota of influence to elevate our country to its highest position, and to maintain its supremacy among the nations of the earth.

REV. MR. SPELLMYER'S ADDRESS.

The popular pastor of the Bloomfield M. E. Church prefaced his remarks by pitifully saying that there were two things requisite in making a speech—breath and something to say. He was out of breath, having hurried from the train, and would not be able to say much. But he had watched the corner stone laying with much interest, and several thoughts came to his mind in connection with it. He remembered that some time ago our streets and houses were lighted with gas. That denoted enterprise. He also recollects that before that a newspaper was started. This was also indicative of public spirit. Now this fine building is being erected—all reminding him of Bloomfield prosperity and enterprise. The speaker, after bestowing praise upon the enterprise evinced by our citizens, proceeded to make an earnest appeal for the youth of the village. Said he, We must not forget to take care of the young men of Bloomfield. He took occasion to warn parents and all others not to let the young fall into pernicious habits, remarking that the Library now commenced would have a countervailing influence against temptation. He was glad to notice that mention was made of God in laying this corner stone. Let us always, he said, in conclusion, acknowledge God in our undertakings. Then we shall succeed and at last we shall be changed into his image and lifted up into glory.

W. M. DUDLEY FOULKE.

One of our young professional men, a lawyer, also made a brief address which was an eloquent tribute to the cause of education. He thought, inasmuch as we depend upon popular sovereignty, in order to have good rulers and public servants, to avoid corruption and misrule,—we must educate the masses. The poor as well as the rich must have the door of learning opened to them. The library was a great acquisition for those who cannot buy books, but the lyceum had superior advantages, in some respects, to books. It was a school for grown people. Here we are to have such an institution. It will prove an attraction to our village, drawing hither those we thus tend to raise the intellectual standard of the community. We cannot estimate how far its good influence will extend.

REV. MR. BALLANTINE'S ADDRESS.

The pastor of the Old Presbyterian church being called on for some remarks, addressed the assemblage substantially as follows: We enjoy the privilege of bringing to Bloomfield any of our friends, and inviting them to make their residences among us. But now we are to have a special privilege. We are going to bring distinguished men here from foreign lands. We are going to have them dwell with us here in Bloomfield. We shall go to ancient Greece after Plato, the philosopher, Homer, the poet, and Socrates, the wise man. Then we will go to Rome and get Cicero and Virgil, and from Germany old Martin Luther, and from England we will bring Chancery, the father of poetry, Spenser, Bacon, Shakespeare, and a great many other choice spirits, all of whom are to be made citizens of Bloomfield, in order that we may have the benefit of their society. In this building they are to hold continual levees and receptions. How greatly it will be to the advantage of this town! How much we shall enjoy it, to have them dwell here among us! But we are also going to pull the society of the world. We shall bring only those spirits that are good, noble and true. I rejoice to know that one of the first books put into this library was a magnificent copy of the Sacred Word of God.

MR. ISAIAS PECKHAM.

Made the closing address, in which he likened himself to the clerk who was taken to task by his employer for "coming so late." The young man replied, saying he made up for it by going home early in the afternoon. [Laughter.] The speaker said he had begun late and would close early. His remarks had reference to the cause of education, and, like all the others, were extremely interesting. Owing to the confusion of many persons leaving on account of the late hour, we were unable to obtain notes from which to reproduce Mr. Peckham's exec-

lent address. The literary exercises concluded with the

SINGING OF AN ODE,

adapted to "America" and written for the occasion by one of Bloomfield's citizens:

To Thee, the nation's King,
Honor and praise we bring
On this glad day;
Resound, ye hills, our song,
Bear it, oh breeze, along!
Let all with joy prolong
Th' exultant lay!

On this historic stone,
Wide let it now be known—
This is our aim:

To build a fabric sure—
A fame to knowledge pure.
Long may its walls endure
To Learning's fame!

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

In 1872 a number of our foremost citizens formed the Bloomfield Library Association with Mr. David Oakes as President. But it has not been until recently that the enterprise has taken definite shape, owing to various causes, which need not here be mentioned. Early in the present year Dr. Davis was elected president, and eighty members having been enrolled representing subscriptions to the amount of \$18,000, it was decided to erect the Library upon plans made by Jos. M. Dodd, of Orange upon the Society's lot on the corner of Broad and Liberty streets. Ground was broken Sept. 24th, contracts having been made for the speedy erection of the rear section or hall of the building.

We shall reserve for a future occasion when the structure is completed—its full description, and will only say that the section now going up is intended to supply a handsome and commodious hall, capable of seating 1000 persons. It has been admirably planned by Architect Dodd, with every regard for safety, elegance and convenience—and will be one of the finest in the State.

There will be a fine stage, furnished with scenic improvements, so that dramatic and operatic entertainments can be given, together with private boxes, orchestra, parquette and balcony. There will be a false floor, to be used when it is wanted for fairs, promenade concerts, etc. From floor to ceiling the height will be 34 feet, and the auditorium will be finished in the best style. It cannot fail of being an ornament to our village, a credit to those citizens engaged in pushing it forward, and, most of all, a successful solution of the long-voiced question of Bloomfield's great necessity, a public hall. The management, we know, will need the cordial support of our citizens, as liberal subscribers to the stock, to finish and pay for the building. Let us all be liberal in making it a success.

Last Thursday evening at an early hour, Dr. J. A. Davis's horse and carriage was stolen while standing in front of his residence. Information was at once given to Constables S. E. and G. W. Perry, who went immediately to work to intercept the thief. The ferries leading into New York were visited, and the gate keepers posted up. A suspicion that the horses might be driven toward Paterson, by way of Passaic, induced constable Perry to visit the latter place, as well as Hackensack. At Passaic the police were put upon the alert, and singularly enough, less than an hour after Perry left the city, late on Friday night, Officer John Wynn saw a colored fellow riding through the street in a buggy that answered the description left by Constable Perry. It proved to be the Doctor's establishment. The thief was a young negro about 18, named Thomas Jackson, whose father lives at Centerville, near Passaic. He was brought before Squire Hall on Saturday for examination, and turned out to be a novice in horse-stealing, this being his first attempt. He made a clear confession, and on Monday, before the Court of Special Sessions, was sentenced to two years in State Prison.

Democratic Assembly Convention.

The Democratic Assembly Convention for the 1st Assembly District of Essex County was held last Saturday, at Jacobs Hall, Montclair. The several townships were well represented. The Convention was called to order by Mr. Wm. Jacobus, and organized by the election of Joel D. Mead of Caldwell as President, and Jas. M. Chambers of Bloomfield as Secretary. The Convention nominated as their candidate, Mr. Thorndike Saunders of Montclair. Mr. Saunders is a gentleman about thirty-eight years of age, a lawyer by profession, a man of considerable ability, and is known as the author of a legal work on "Bankruptcy." He is now to our politics, though being a resident of Montclair. The citizens of our town will have an opportunity to see and hear him, as he is announced to speak at Friendship Hall on this Friday evening.

Caldwell Items.

The "good folk" of this pleasant village have resolved to repeat the pleasant sociabilities of last year, whose termination was so successful, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 27. Last year, a splendid supper was provided, this is to be done away with this year, and in its place a literary feast is to be provided. The Caldwell brass band will be present and no doubt the Chapel will respond with merit.

Misses Ely and Armstrong, two teachers in the High School, recently very nearly lost their lives through the agency of coal gas, which escaped into their room from a defective flue. They were both unable to teach last Friday.

All the tobacco shops in this vicinity are running with more force than this time last year and the proprietors speak encouragingly of better times.

Oysters for family use, all the best kinds, Blue Points, Morris River, Shrewsbury, etc., can always be had at Archdeacon's. From 40 to 50 cents per quart.

Married.

CAMPBELL-TAYLOR.—In Bloomfield, Oct. 28th, by Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D., Mrs. Campbell of Bloomfield, to Martha J. Taylor, of Montclair.

OVERCOATS!

Blue Meltons, Cord Seams,	\$ 8.
Brown Kerseys, Velvet Finish,	10.
Black Moscows, New Cuts;	12.
Worsted Twilled, Very Elegant,	14.
Ederdon Beaver, Brown and Olive,	15.
Eskemo Beaver, Double Lap, Seams,	15.
English Castors, Very Durable,	16.
Fur Beaver, All Extras,	18.
Corded Furs, Very Stylish,	20.
Diamond Furs, New and Knobby,	22.
French Furs, Finest Imported,	24 to 30.
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